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APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE majority of the appointments to what is usually known as the Civil Service are now made by open Competitive Examinations. These Examinations are open, under certain restrictions which will be referred to in each case, to all natural born subjects of her Majesty being of the requisite age, health, and character. The appointments are given to the candidates obtaining the highest places on the examination list, the number of vacancies to be filled being usually announced by the Civil Service Commissioners before the examination. Notices of open Competitive Examinations are given by advertisement in the principal London and provincial newspapers. Those in the London newspapers usually appear on Thursdays. The Commissioners do not record the names of intending candidates until a particular examination is announced, and they do not undertake to send a separate notice of a coming examination to a particular person.

It is not easy to give such a view of the examinations for Government appointments as intending candidates require to enable them to see at a glance what are the openings which the Civil Service affords. Most of the information published is as confusing and unintelligible to the public as the blue-books sold by the Government printers. We have found it the best plan to divide the open Competitive Examinations into five sections, viz. :—

- I. Ordinary open competitions held periodically or at fairly regular intervals.

- II. Ordinary open competitions held at irregular intervals.
 III. Special open competitions for appointments for which previous professional training or other experience is required.
 IV. Open competitions for female appointments.
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